

was heard from Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE BILL (H.R. 4213) TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO EXTEND CERTAIN EXPIRING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213 with the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule tables House Resolution 392.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5136, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011." The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report (except as specified in section 4 of the rule), may be offered only by a Member designated in the Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in

the report or amendments en bloc are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendments. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. For the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The rule provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the Committee report out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

The rule provides that, in engrossment, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 5013, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 5136.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against rules reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of June 1, 2010.

Finally, the rule provides that measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time through Sunday, May 30, 2010, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representatives Spratt, Ortiz, Langevin, Bordallo, Sestak, Hastings of Florida, Dingell, Stark, Price of North Carolina, Eshoo, Filner, Gutierrez, Blumenauer, Etheridge, Inslee, Larson of Connecticut, Watson, Lipinski, Murphy of Connecticut, Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania, Walz, Wilson of Ohio, Richardson, Foster, Driehaus, Grayson, Titus, Tonko, Faleomavaega, McKeon, Coffman, Sessions, Young of Alaska, Duncan, Kingston, Hastings of Washington, Shadegg, Tiahrt, Terry, Rehberg,